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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-10, 13-22 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 11, 12, 23 and 24 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 08 July 2003 is/are; a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Bot LeDynch
Primary Examiner

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/08/04, and 7/08/03

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-10, 13-22 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Marshall et al. (US Patent No. 5831596). Marshall et al. discloses the same invention as claimed: A sensor assembly for sensing angular position of an object, the assembly comprising: at least one magneto-sensing element (292, 310, etc.) having a first axis of rotation (or physical axis of rotation); and a (cylindrical) magnet (282, 303, etc.) having a second axis of rotation (or physical axis of rotation), wherein at least one of the magnet and the magneto-sensing element are rotatable relative to the other, wherein the respective axes of rotation of the magneto-sensing element and the magnet are non-coincident (see Figs 17 and 19) with respect to one another, and further wherein the magnet is magnetized along one of the following directions: and axial direction (see Figs 17 and 19) and a radial direction. More than 1 Hall effect element (292, 310, etc.) are placed around (see col. 12 line 66). Summers or subtractors are at shaping circuits 40a and 40b (see col. 6 line 31). The geometric and rotation axes of the magnet are non-coincident with respect to one another, and the magnet is magnetized along one of the following directions: an axial direction and a radial direction (see Figs 17 and 19). Shielding structure is housing 12.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11-12 and 23-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bot LeDynh whose telephone number is 5712722231. The examiner can normally be reached on Maxiflex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nancy Le can be reached on 5712722235. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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